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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

**JURY CONVICTS BENNINGTON MAN OF FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGES**

**Re: United States v. Roger LUBY**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Bennington Police Chief Steven Campbell, and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Resident Agent in Charge Kraig Hankins announced that Roger LUBY, DOB 4/29/46, of Bennington, New Hampshire was convicted today after a jury today on federal weapons charges.

On December 4, 2002, a federal grand jury returned an indictment against LUBY charging him with being a convicted felon in possession of firearms, an unlawful drug user in possession of firearms, and simple possession of marijuana, all in Bennington on July 31, 2002. LUBY had been previously convicted of a felony marijuana distribution charge in 1995. Convicted felons and unlawful users of controlled substances are prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition under federal law.

The United States Attorney's Office dismissed the drug related charges and proceeded to trial on the felon in possession of a firearm charge on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The jury returned a guilty verdict on the afternoon of January 7<sup>th</sup>. U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. allowed Luby to remain free under the supervision of the U.S. Department of Probation pending his sentencing hearing scheduled for April 12, 2004. LUBY faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment.

"This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted drug traffickers is one of our main objectives. This office will continue vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we implement Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

"The case is also a testament to the cooperative efforts of the Bennington Police Department the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. This and other jointly investigated cases have made New Hampshire a safer place to live."

The prosecution against LUBY, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Bennington, N.H. Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.